

## PUBLIC NOTICE – NORTHERN SHENANDOAH REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on the Northern Shenandoah Regional Water Supply Plan submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under §9 VAC 25-780, et seq, Local and Regional Water Supply Planning regulation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** August 12, 2013 to September 13, 2013

### DESCRIPTION OF THE WATER SUPPLY PLAN:

The Northern Shenandoah Regional Water Supply Plan ("Plan"), dated September 18, 2011, identifies existing water sources, estimates current and future water demand, and assesses the need for additional sources for future water supply for the Counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren, the City of Winchester, and the Towns of Berryville, Boyce, Middletown, Stephens City, Luray, Shenandoah, Stanley, Edinburg, Mt. Jackson, New Market, Strasburg, Toms Brook, Woodstock, and Front Royal. DEQ has issued a tentative determination of compliance to Ms. Martha Shickle, Executive Director, Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission. The following is a brief summary of the Plan:

The plan provides usage data for community water systems and self-supplied water users. The community water systems are both municipally and privately owned systems. The sources of the community water systems and self supplied users are ground water, springs, and stream intakes. There are numerous agreements for the sale of water between regional partners. The plan states that, through careful planning and conservation efforts, there will be sufficient water to support the majority of needs through the year 2040. Frederick County Sanitation Authority (serving Frederick County and Stephens City) and the Town of Middletown acknowledge their demand will exceed their supply in the planning period. Frederick County Sanitation Authority alternatives include quarry expansion and ground water well improvements. Middletown will implement conservation to stay within their purchase agreement limitations with Winchester.

DEQ has made a tentative decision to find the Northern Shenandoah Regional Water Supply Plan program compliant with the water supply planning regulation, pending public comment.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The regional water supply plan is available from the contact below or on the DEQ website at [www.deq.virginia.gov](http://www.deq.virginia.gov). Upon review of written comments submitted in response to this public notice, DEQ will make a final compliance determination decision.

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